

a man never visits hell, he, to whom offering
his Self a man
gets rid of all impediments, he, by reposing
mind in whom a
man does not go to hell; he, in the
contemplation of whom
lies heaven, he, by locating whom in his heart a
man becomes
liberated from the fetters of re-birth, when
meditated upon by
the dull-witted, absolve them of all sin : what
wonder is there
that a man, by singing the praises of the
undecaying one, will
be absolved of his sin ? He, who has
purchased the whole
universe with his accumulated pieties, becomes
an awakened
spirit through the grace of Vishnu. Those,
who wish to sail
across this ocean of misery, shall
perform Agnikiriyas
(Homage), Japas, and [rites of ceremonial
ablutions, and wor-
ship Vishnu. The king is the refuge of the
kingdom, the
father is the refuge of his sons, virtue is the
refuge of all
beings, and the god Hari is the refuge of all. O
thou greatest
of the holy sages, to those who make obeisance
to the eternal
Vasudeva, the parent of the universe,
exists not a holier
sanctuary (place of pilgrimage) than a
contemplation of the
god. Without laziness one should meditate
upon Govinda,
it is immaterial whether he fails to make any
offering of
gems, or to study any part of the Vedas. A
devotee of
Vishnu, whether he be a Nishida or a
Chandala, is equal
to a Brahmana in respect of purity, and the
gate of hell is
permanently closed against him. If a
suppliant is always
found to fondly supplicate a rich man
for money, what

wonder that a man, by supplicating Vishnu, will
be liberated
from the fetters of re-birth. As a full-blazed
fire consumes
even moist fuels, so the contemplation of the
effulgent Vishnu
consumes all the sin of Yogins. As wild
beasts shun the
mountain-summit that is on fire, so all kinds of
sin leave the
person who is addicted to the practice of Yoga.
The success
achieved by a man (in matters of psychic
knowledge) is
proportionate to the extent of his faith in
Vishnu. The
glory of Shree Krishna is so much that even his
abusers or
vilifiers* such as, Shishupala (who was the son of
Damaghosa,)